



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

patent application of:)
de Pauw Gerlings) Before the Examiner
Serial No. 09/857,680) Hendrickson
Filed September 13, 2001) Group Art Unit
LIME TREATMENT) 1754
(US National Stage of PCT/EP99/09659)
filed December 7, 1999)

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 2, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.

A Request for Continued Examination is submitted concurrent with this submission.

In addition, please provide any extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account 23-3030, but do not include any payment of issue fees that are or may become due.

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